

In the Claims

1-10. (cancelled)

11. (new) A device for mounting a seat cover on a foam cushion component of a seat component, comprising:

gripping elements arranged in actuation groups for receiving section strips mounted on a seat cover;

a positioning mechanism having a support component for receiving a foam cushion component and being relatively movable relative to said gripping elements for moving the foam cushion part relative to said gripping elements and into channel shaped recesses in the foam cushion part to fasten the seat cover on the foam cushion part, said support component being movable between a lowered position in which said gripping elements extend through said support component and a raised position in which said support component is free of said gripping elements; and

first and second linear drives coupled to and moving said support component into positions thereof, said second linear drive coupled to said first linear drive such that movement of said second linear drive is superimposed on movement of said first linear drive.

12. (new) A device according to claim 11 wherein

each said gripping element comprises a gripping tong having two tong components movable relative to one another between open and closed positions by a gripping drive.

13. (new) A device according to claim 12 wherein

said gripping drive comprises a spring mechanism.

14. (new) A device according to claim 11 wherein

said positioning mechanism comprises a common frame component enclosing all said gripping elements, said common frame being coupled to and movable by said first linear drive.

15. (new) A device according to claim 11 wherein

twelve of said gripping elements are arranged in said actuation groups with each of two outmost longitudinal rows including three of said gripping elements to form said actuation groups for mounting section strips associated with two longitudinal seams of the seat component, and with each of three pairs of said gripping elements defining three actuation groups associated with three transverse seams on the seat component.

16. (new) A device according to claim 14 wherein

each of said first and second linear drives comprises four operating cylinders mounted on external circumferential sides of said positioning mechanism, said first linear drive engaging said common frame component, said second linear drive engaging said support component.

17. (new) A device according to claim 16 wherein

said operating cylinders of said second linear drive are displaceable vertically by said operating cylinders of said first linear drive.

18. (new) A device according to claim 12 wherein

each said gripping element comprises a rod having a head element with said tongs thereof on an upper end thereof for mounting a section strip of the seat cover and having a base component engaging a third linear drive permitting relative movement of said two tongs thereof toward one another.

19. (new) A device according to claim 11 wherein

said first and second linear drives are pneumatically operated.